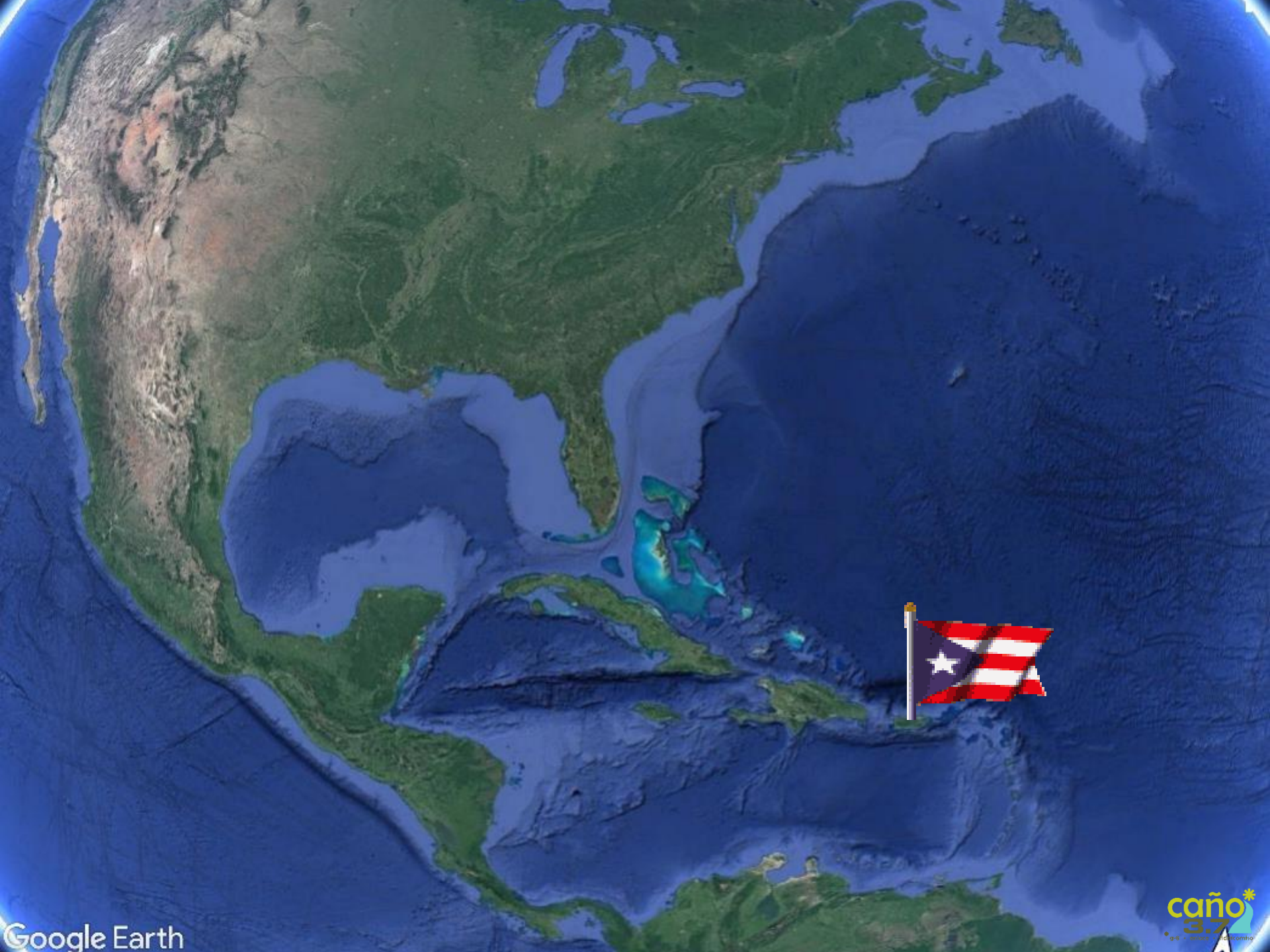




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# San Juan Bay Estuary System





**33%**

**PR Total**

**Mangrove Acres**

**8**

**Endangered**

**Animal Species**

**17**

**Endangered**

**Plant Species**

**160**

**Bird**

**Species**

**19**

**Reptilians &**

**Amphibians**

**124**

**Fish**

**Species**

**300**

**Wetland**

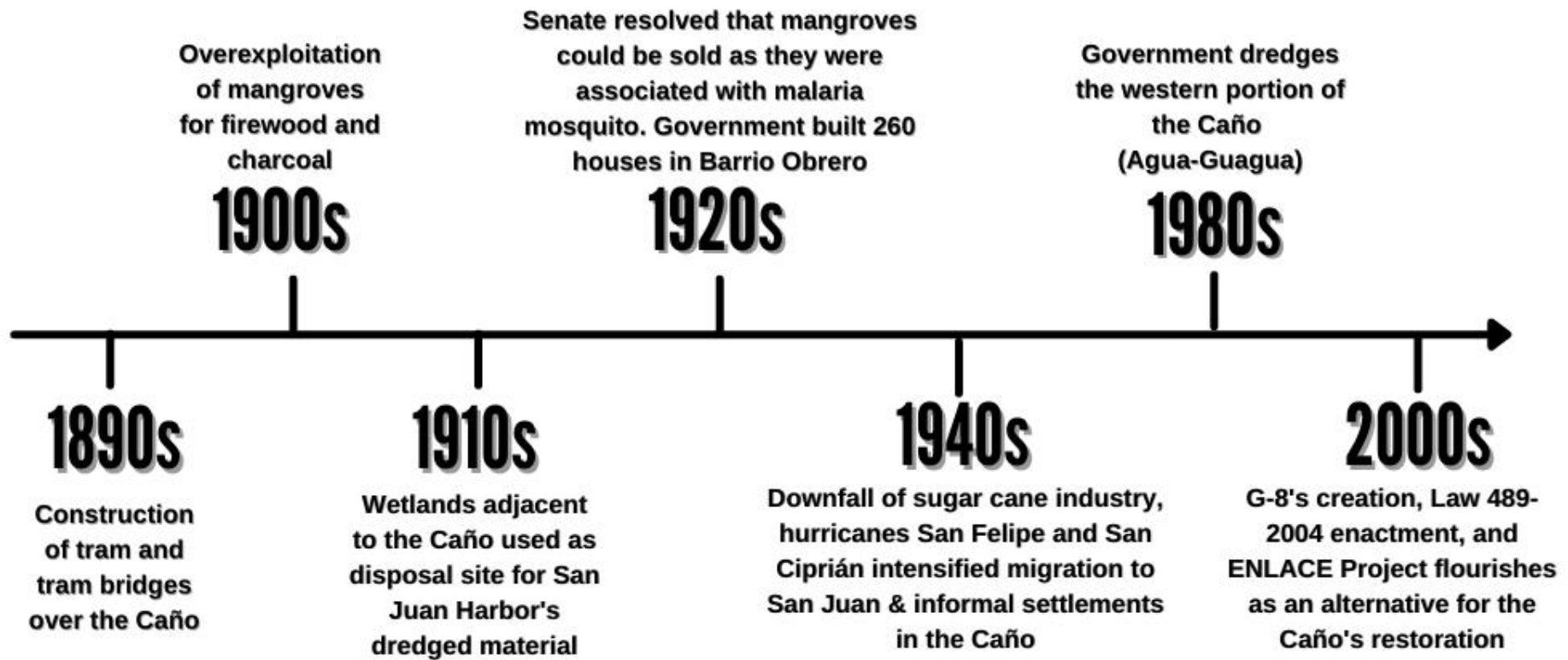
**Plant Species**

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Source: San Juan Bay Estuary Program, [www.estuario.org](http://www.estuario.org)

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Source: Final Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement for the Caño Martín Peña Ecosystem Restoration Project (2016)



# CAÑO MARTÍN PEÑA ENLACE PROJECT

*Corporación del Proyecto ENLACE del  
Caño Martín Peña*



**Coordination & Implementation  
of the Comprehensive  
Development Plan, Non-Federal  
Sponsor for the CMP-ERP,  
Public Corporation**

*Grupo de las Ocho Comunidades  
Aledañas al Caño Martín Peña, Inc.*



**Active Community  
Participation, Empowerment &  
Community Involvement,  
Nonprofit Organization**

*Fideicomiso de la Tierra del Caño  
Martín Peña*



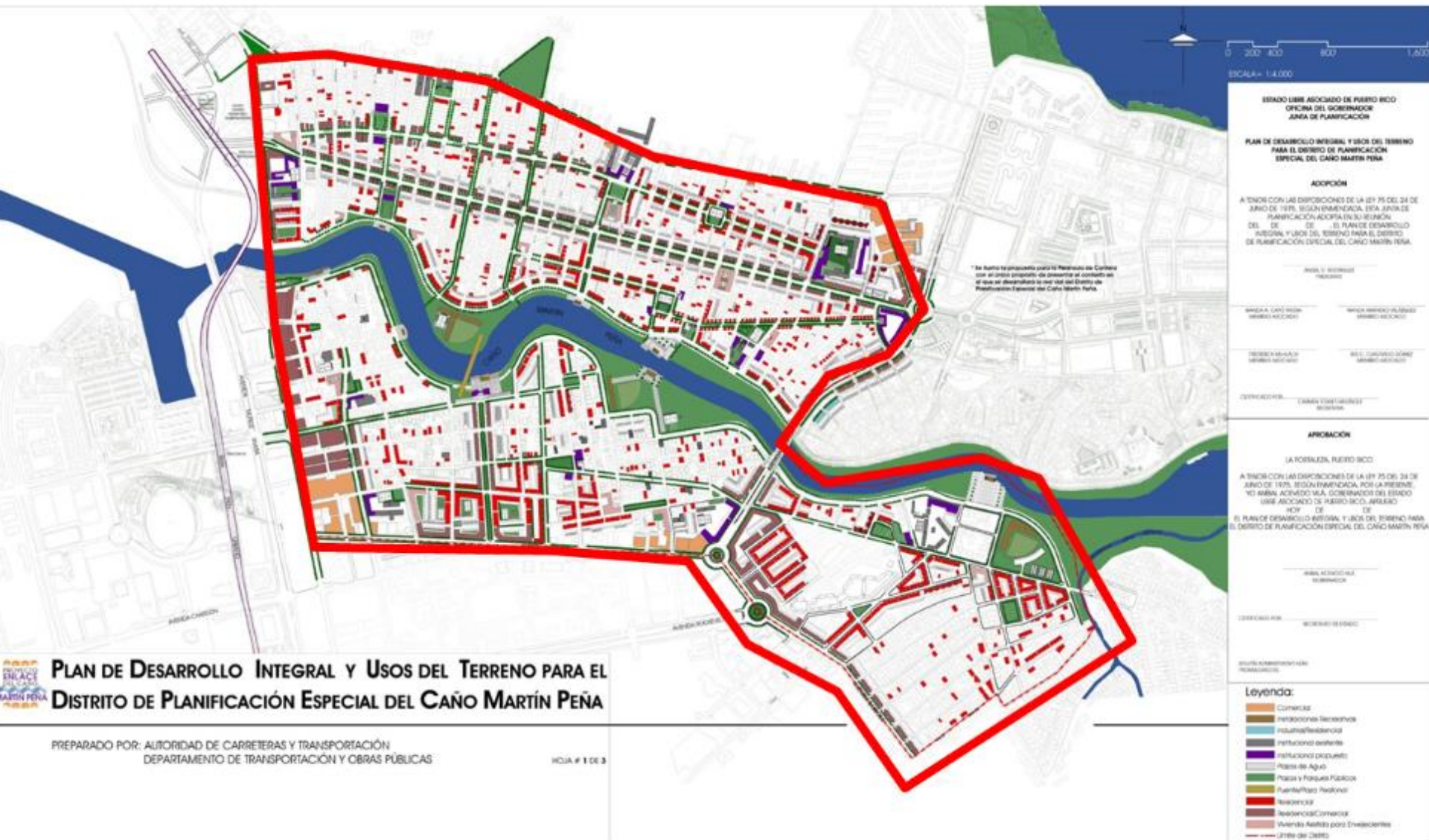
**Novel Model to Promote  
Development while Preventing  
Community Displacement,  
2015-16 UN World Habitat Award  
Nonprofit Organization**

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION • ADVISORY BOARD • ALLIEZ & COLLABORATORS • GOVERNMENT**

**COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT & LAND USES PLAN FOR THE CAÑO MARTÍN PEÑA  
SPECIAL PLANNING DISTRICT – PUERTO RICO ACT 489 OF 2004, AS AMENDED**



# COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE PLAN FOR THE CAÑO MARTIN PEÑA SPECIAL PLANNING DISTRICT



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10,997

residents in the communities surrounding the Caño Martín Peña (2020 US Census)

23.8%

immigrant/foreign born population (ACS, 2015)

60.7%

of the Caño population reported at an annual **income below the USA poverty** level (ACS, 2015)

\$10,836

median household income (ACS, 2015)

47.4%

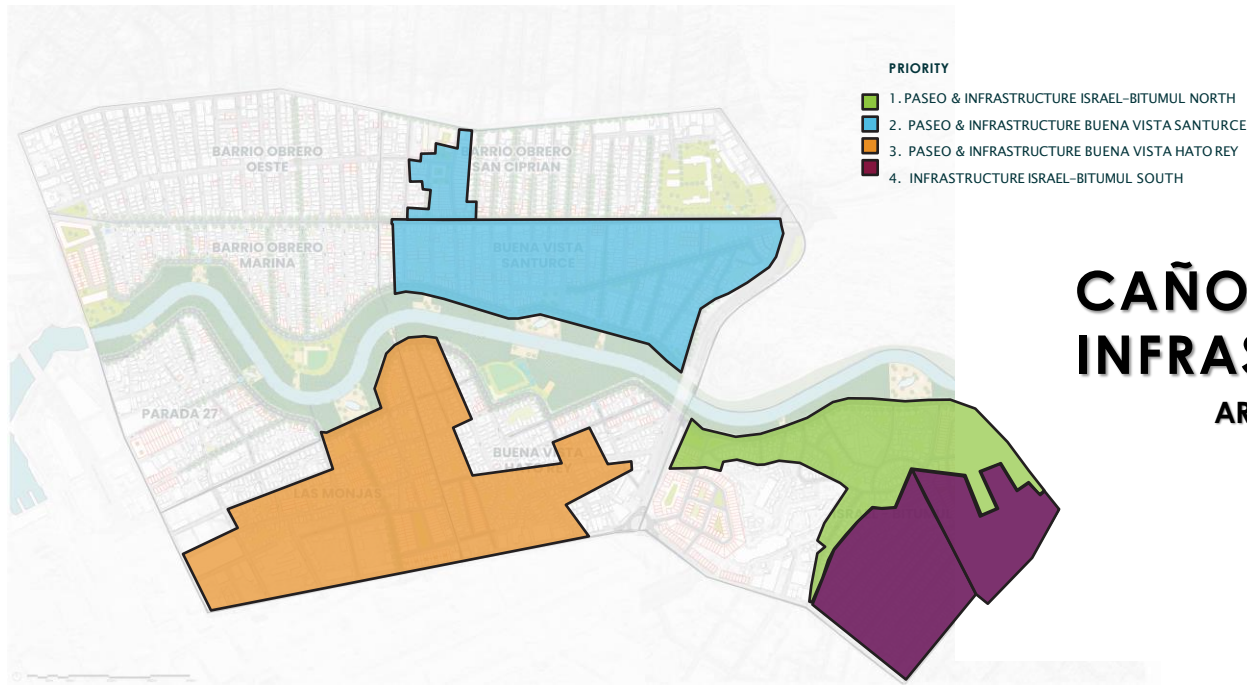
of the population age 25 or older lacks a high school diploma (ACS, 2015)



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# CAÑO MARTÍN PEÑA WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

AREAS WITHOUT SANITARY SYSTEM & PRIORITIES



## PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACTS

Surveyed Condition	Martín Peña	Puerto Rico
Gastrointestinal disease*	31%	20%
Asthma (children under 5)**	44%	25%
Skin allergies (children 5-9 years old)**	35.3%	24.8%

\*Gastrointestinal symptoms were positively and strongly correlated with exposure to flood waters.

(Source: 2012 Ponce School of Medicine)

\*\* Children data is from a small non-statistically significant, but comparable to the Census 2010 distribution data.

(Source: 2012, University of Puerto Rico School of Public Health)

**Delays in the implementation of the Comprehensive Development Plan have worsened health conditions.**

**\$21 million**

estimated annual savings in medical care for asthma, dengue and gastrointestinal diseases (CDBG-NDRC proposal).

## ECOLOGICAL INTEGRITY IMPACTS

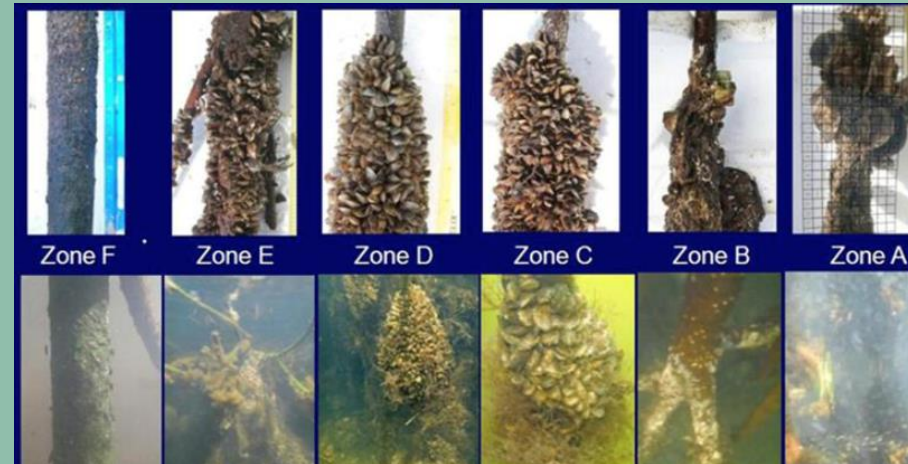


Figure 6. Mangrove prop root habitat fouling community in various portions of the San Juan Bay Estuary. Zone A = northern La Torrecilla lagoon close to the inlet, Zone B = southern La Torrecilla lagoon, Zone C = Suárez Canal, Zone D = eastern San José Lagoon, Zone E – western San José Lagoon, and Zone F = Caño Martín Peña (Atkins 2011b).



Reduction in species diversity and survivability, ecosystem functions and values. Strong salinity stratification.



Ecological degradation has affected human health and safety. Lack of conveyance contributes to localized flooding.

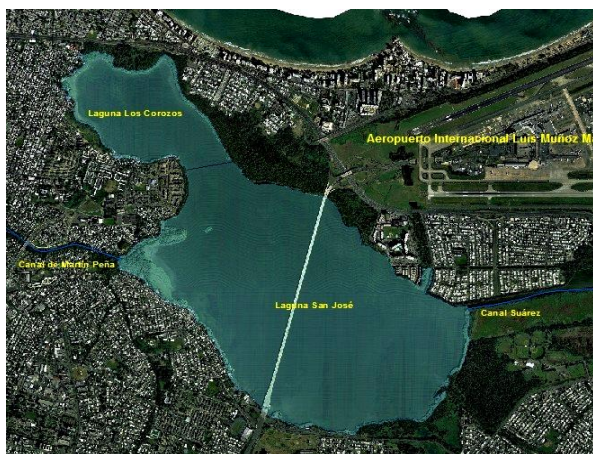


Reduced ecosystem functions and values, including losses of economic and recreational opportunities.





## Caño Martín Peña Ecosystem Restoration Project



Restore the benthic habitat in the San José Lagoon.



Improve the fish habitat in the SJBE system.



Increase biodiversity of species in the mangrove forest.



U.S. Congress  
authorizes the CMP-  
ERP through Section  
5127 of WRDA

USACE & ENLACE sign  
Agreement for the  
FR/EIS Technical  
Review Process

Federal Government  
allocates \$163 M through  
the *Infrastructure  
Investment and Jobs Act*  
for the PRE-CMP

2007

2012

2022

2004

2010

2016

2023

Caño Martín Peña  
Reconnaissance  
Report (USACE) &  
Puerto Rico Act 489  
Enactment

ENLACE starts the  
Feasibility Report &  
Environmental Impact  
Statement (FR/EIS) for  
the CMP-ERP

ASA-CW approves the  
FR/EIS ENLACE &  
USACE sign Design  
Agreement for the  
CMP-ERP

CMP-ERP  
Construction  
Start



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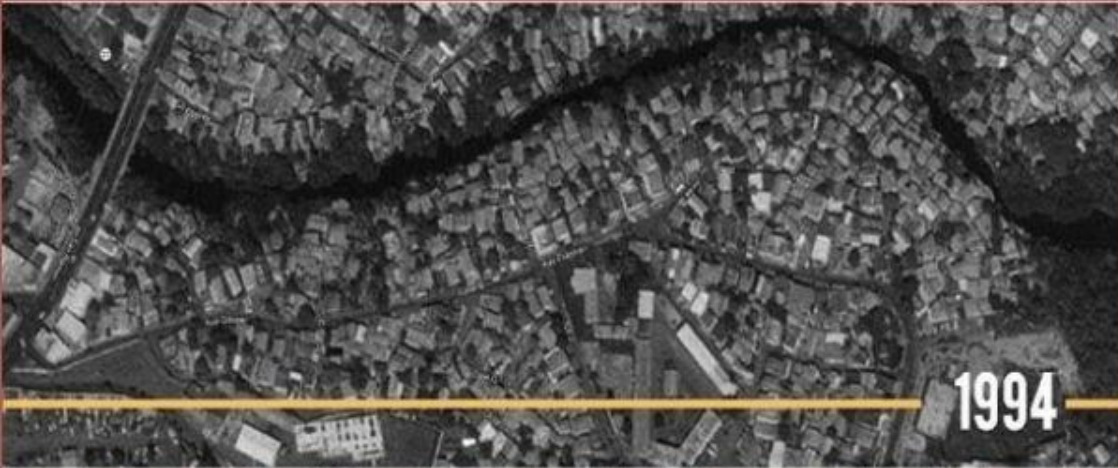
FR/EIS Community Assemblies

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Design Agreement Execution





**Before**



**Relocation**



**After**



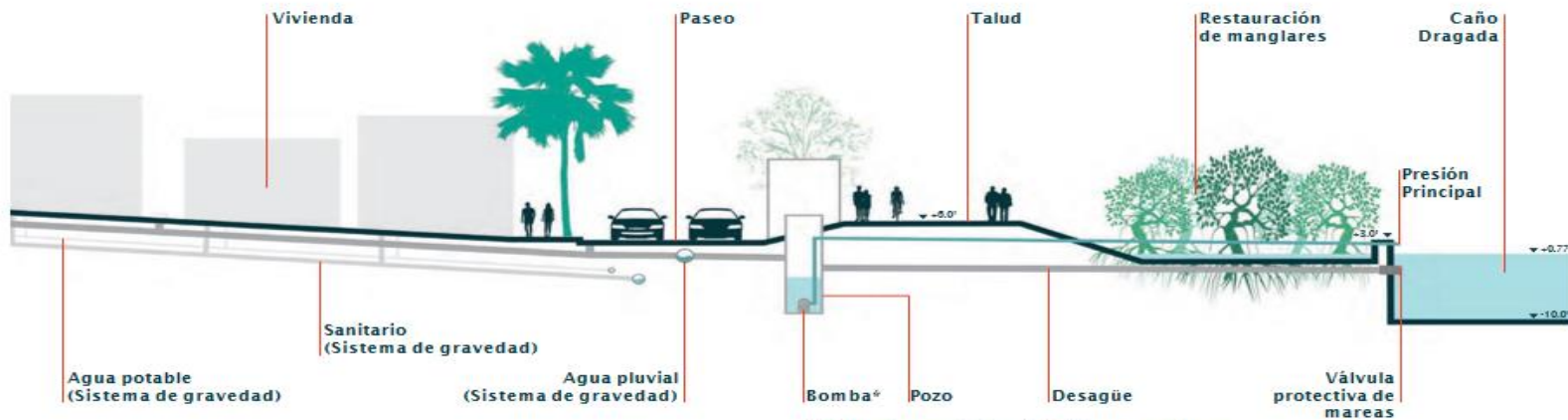
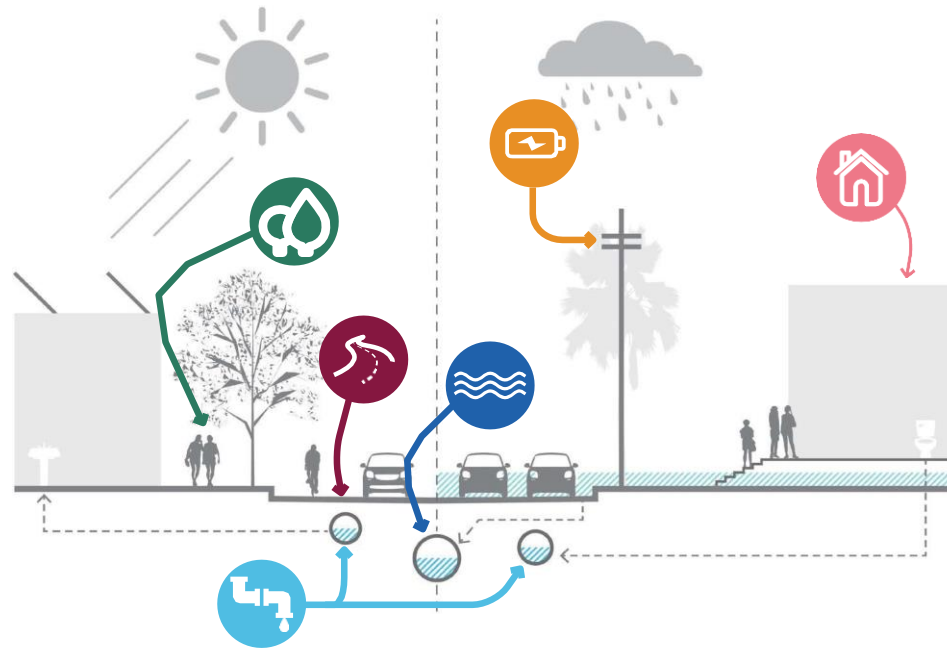


# *Caño Martín Peña* *Relocation Committee* **Unique Asset that Makes the Difference!**





# COMPREHENSIVE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE MITIGATION IN SITU



\*El sistema de aguas pluviales está diseñado como un sistema de gravedad. Las bombas funcionan solo cuando la capacidad, o las condiciones de las mareas, lo exigen.

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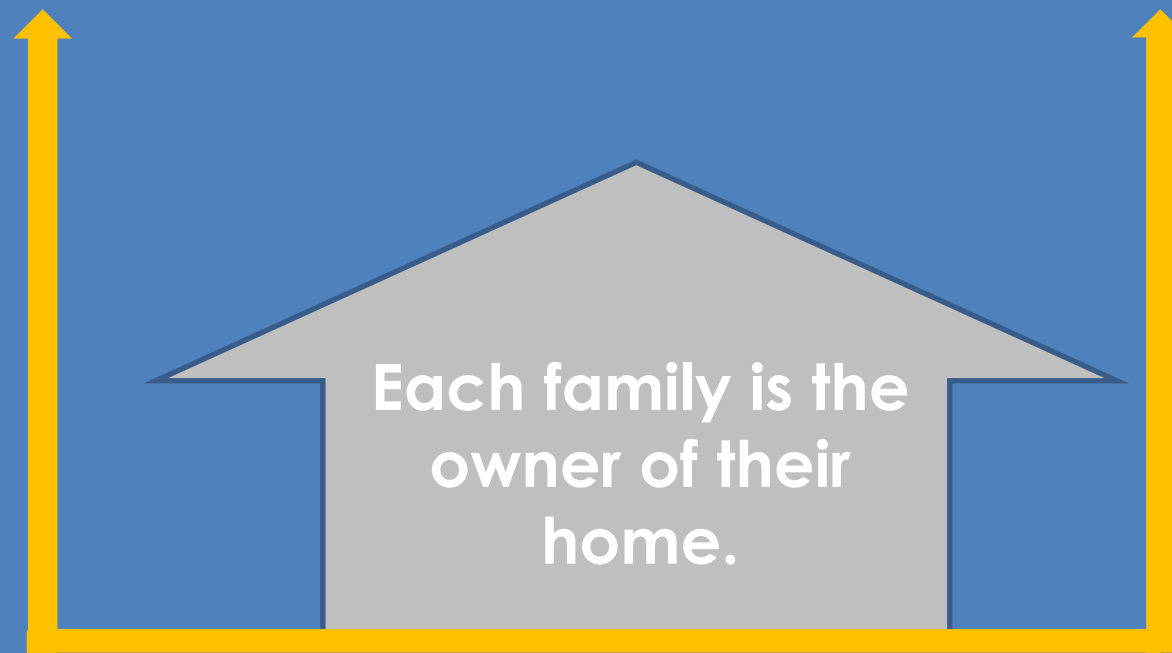


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Each family has individual rights over the parcel area where their home is located, and get stocks and bonds of participation.



The rights to the surface can be:

- Sold
- Inherited
- Mortgaged

The community collectively owns 200 acres of land in the heart of the San Juan metropolitan area: the land can not be sold.

# FIDEICOMISO DE LA TIERRA DEL CAÑO MARTÍN PEÑA



**2004**

Creation of the Fideicomiso through Act 489 of 2004



**2006-2008**

Participatory Design of the Fideicomiso's Model



**2009**

First Board of Trustees, Land Transfers Begin



**2009-2012**

Government takes land from the Fideicomiso for individual ownership. Intense G-8 & allies fight.



**2013**

G-8 presents bill to recover lands. Bill is approved



**2014 – present**

Granting of surface rights begins, families relocated, new housing



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*Donde yo vivo, es de donde soy.  
Yo pertenezco a esta tierra, y  
esta tierra me pertenece a mí. Y  
por eso nos quedamos. Y  
queremos mejorarla, no  
queremos seguir viviendo así.  
Queremos mejorar nuestra  
calidad de vida, para nosotros  
mismos y para nuestra familia.  
Queremos aportar a Puerto Rico  
desde nuestras comunidades.  
Eso es lo que queremos.*

*Where I live is my birthplace. I  
belong to this land, and this land  
belongs to me. That is why we  
stay. We want to improve it; we  
don't want to continue living like  
this. We want to improve our  
quality of life, for our own sake  
and that of our family. We want  
to contribute to Puerto Rico.  
That is what we want.*

”

**Amparo García Miranda**  
Buena Vista Santurce





## ***Mi Casa Resistente***

**2018 Community and participatory design initiative for the construction of replicable resilient housing models. The first two houses built have a rainwater harvesting system, composting toilets and emergency plant with solar energy. Design by Abruña & Musgrave Architects.**

**Partnership between CIAPR Foundation, CIAPR, G-8, ENLACE and Fideicomiso de la Tierra**







Community Gardens



Adult Literacy



Violence Prevention



Participatory Design



Youth Leaders in Action



Environmental Awareness



Community Recycling



School Gardens



Community-Led Relief



Public Health Initiatives



Critical Thought



Community Business Incubator

**Over 30 programs for socio economic development  
impacting over 1,500 residents annually of all ages**

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**Mario Núñez Mercado**  
G-8 Co-Founder  
Executive Director  
Corporación del Proyecto ENLACE del Caño  
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**".. and, for the first time, we, the residents, became  
protagonists of our own future."**



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